



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1617**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 02481.1702

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Bernward SCHÖLKENS et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1617
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Application No.: 09/645,556)	Examiner: J. Kim
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Filed: August 25, 2000)	Confirmation No.: 3278
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For: PHARMACEUTICAL)	Mail Stop AF
FORMULATIONS AND USE)	
THEREOF IN THE PREVENTION)	
OF STROKE, DIABETES AND/OR)	
CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed July 27, 2004, the Advisory Action mailed November 3, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the period for response having been extended to December 27, 2004 by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants propose amending this application as indicated below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.